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UPDATE: PROJECT CEASEFIRE
**ONE FELON SENTENCED, ANOTHER PLEADS GUILTY
FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced and a Springfield, Mo., man pleaded guilty in federal court today, in separate and unrelated cases, for being felons in possession of firearms. Today's sentencing and guilty plea, Graves said, mark additional progress under Project Ceasefire, the district's ongoing anti-crime initiative.

* **J'son Allbritton**, 22, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Howard F. Sachs this afternoon to four years and nine months in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 18, 2003, **Allbritton** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, **Allbritton** admitted that he was in possession of a Armi San Marco .38 caliber revolver on Aug. 11, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Allbritton** has two 2000 criminal felony convictions for possession of a controlled substance and a 2000 criminal felony conviction for sale of a controlled substance.

Allbritton was originally charged in a criminal complaint filed on Aug. 28, 2003, in Kansas City. The criminal complaint was later replaced by an indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Sept. 10, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

* **Brian M. Ebey**, 46, of Springfield, pleaded guilty before U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to being a felon in possession of a firearm.

By pleading guilty, **Ebey** admitted that he was in possession of a J.C. Higgins 12-gauge shotgun on May 14, 2003. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for anyone who has been convicted of a felony to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Ebey** has a 1978 criminal felony conviction for burglary.

Ebey was originally charged in an indictment that was returned by a federal grand jury on Dec. 17, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Bruce E. Clark. It was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

Project Ceasefire

Project Ceasefire, launched in October 1999, is a cooperative initiative by federal and local law enforcement and the Kansas City Crime Commission that targets for federal prosecution persons who unlawfully use or possess firearms.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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